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if at least one channel of said plurality of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers, halting transmission of a program on said at least one channel and broadcasting information other than a program on said at least one channel.

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5. (Amended) A method for managing network bandwidth comprising:

broadcasting a plurality of programs on a plurality of channels to a plurality of receivers across said network;

defining a group of channels comprising a subset of said plurality of channels;

identifying each channel of said group of channels to which at least one receiver of said plurality of receivers connected to said network is tuned;

determining if at least one channel of said group of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers; and

halting transmission of a program on said at least one channel and broadcasting information other than a program on said at least one channel if at least one channel of said group of channels is not tuned by any one of said plurality of receivers.

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34. (Amended) A programmable television receiving unit coupled to network comprising:

a processing unit disposed in said receiving unit;

a network interface;

a memory unit;

a signal combiner operable to combine video information with other information;

a remote user input device; and

a program operable to receive a signal from said user input device and to transmit an upstream message if said signal enables said receiving unit to transition from a quiescent state to an operational state.

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### Remarks

Support for the amendment of claims 1 and 5 is found on page 7, lines 27-29 of the application that state "If a channel is found that is not being viewed, transmission of